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Whitehall, Oct. 30.

His Majesty has been pleased to cause His Royal Proclamation to be Published, For Incouragement of the further Discovery of the Popish Plot.

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WE out of our Princely Care for Securing the True Protestant Religion, and to satisfie the Minds of all Our Loving Subjects therein, have thought fit, for the more effectual Discovery, and Suppression of the most Horrid and Execrable Popish Plot, and the Incouragement of all Persons who have any knowledge thereof, to make Discovery of the same, to set forth this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby Promising and Assuring Our Free and Gracious Pardon to all and every Person and Persons, who within Two Months next ensuing the date of these Presents, shall come in and give further Information and Evidence concerning the said Popish Plot.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the Thirtieth day of *October*, 1680. In the Two and thirtieth year of our Reign.

Moscow, Septemb. 10. The third Instant arrived here an Ambassador from the Crown of *Poland*; and the seventh had his first Audience of the Czar; since he has been in conference with the Commissioners appointed to treat with him. The Armies that have been employed this Summer against the Turks and the Tartars, are now going into their Winter-quarters. Some are of opinion that this Winter will produce a Peace; to which, whatever countenance the Turks put on, we are assured they are very well enclined, and particularly the Grand Vizier, who has of late been very uneasie through the opposition he meets with from some new Favourites.

Berlin, Oct. 26. The 24th Instant very early in the Morning the Prince of *Orange* parted from *Postdam*, intending to reach *Magdeburg* that day, and to be the next at *Zell*, where his Highness will stay one day, and three at *Hanouer*, and then return for *Holland*. The Elector presented his Highness, before his departure, with a set of Coach-Horses, and two Saddle Horses, and gave him leave to Hunt, when he pleases, in his Country of *Cleves*. What was done, during his Highnesses being at this Court, towards the composing the differences between the Crown of *Spain* and the Elector, we cannot say; but we understand that his Electoral Highness promised the Prince that he would restore *Scinckscans* to the States: This Fort fell, with other places, into the hands of the French, in the Year 1672, and was afterwards, by them, together with *Wesel*, given up to the Elector.

Strasburg, Oct. 28. The French are buying up in these parts a great quantity of Corn, and are making other Preparations, which gives people a jealousie that they have formed some design, and some are still apt to mistrust that it is against this City. We have advice, That the Suissers have refused the French leave to raise any more Men within their Dominions, though at the same time they have permitted the King of *Spain* to Levy six Regiments; and that they have declared to the French Ambassador, That in case the King his Master make any Attempt against *Rhinfeldt* (of which it seems they have a suspition) they will concern themselves in the defence of it, and employ to that end all the Force they can make, and that they will recall those Swissers now in the French Service. This News, if true, will be of great moment to the Affairs of *Germany*.

Cologne, Nov. 1. The City of *Liege* have not only resisted the Edict of their Prince, concerning the laying an Imposition of the 60th Penny upon all Merchandizes, but have in a manner declared War against the Inhabitants of *Huy*, because of their having conformed themselves thereunto, and things are gone so far, that there hardly seems any room for an accommadation. From the Imperial Court they write that the Emperor had given the Lieutenantship of all his Forces, and several other eminent Employments, vacant by the Death of General *Monticuculi*, to the Duke of *Lorrain*, and that his Imperial Majesty had positively resolved to raise 20000 Men. We are likewise told, That the French King is going to raise 4000 Men for the reinforcing his Troops in *Alsace*.

Liege, Nov. 1. Things are at present here in great confusion, and according to all appearance are like to grow worse and worse: Three days since it was resolved to raise men, and the 28th past in the Evening 150 men marched from hence to *Huy*, where they beset the House of the Commissary who receives the Imposition of the 60th Penny, Plundered it, and took him Prisoner, and very evilly entreated several persons that would have opposed them. It is likewise resolved to send out Parties to secure the Wagons that go from hence, and to seize the Commissaries, that are appointed to receive the said Imposition, whereever they meet them. In the mean time those persons that were taken by the Electors Troops at *Vervy*, and carryed thence to *Franchimont*, are like to suffer.

Hanouer Oct. 29. On Tuesday last the States and Nobility of this Country did Homage to our present Duke, which was performed with a great deal of Solemnity; after which his Highness entertained them at Dinner; there being twelve several Tables.

Hamburg, Novemb. 1. The Electoress Palatine who has been at *Copenhagen* to visit the King her Brother, is arrived at *Gottorp*, and from thence will continue her Journey home. The Prince of *Orange* is come back from *Berlin*, and is now at *Hanover*, where